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1. Troops of the Neustrelitz post left toward Speck on the 27 September. On 28 September, the military installations in Neustrelitz were vacant. Tanks were assembled in the area north of Domjuech on the evening of the 28th. During the night, tank columns passed through Wustrow-Canow and proceeded toward Reinsberg. The headquarters directing this movement was located near Userin, southwest of Neustrelitz. The unloading of at least eight troop trains was observed in Neustrelitz between 30 September and 3 October. Some of the trains carried elements of the 9th Guards Tank Division and two trains carried units of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade. The troops later left toward Speck. 1.
2. At least 14 troop trains were loaded at railroad stations east of Letzling Heath on 1 October. The trains left in the direction of Stendal and Magdeburg. 2.

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1. The above information indicates that major elements of the 9th Guards Tank Division, reinforced by the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade from the Speck summer camp and the 90th Rocket Regiment from Schoenwalde, conducted an exercise

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similar to one held in the same area between 23 and 26 September 1952.

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2. The motor vehicle  observed belong almost exclusively to 

 the 3rd Schock Army. Presumably, the units of the IX Rifle Corps left toward the North while the 207th Rifle Division departed in the direction of Quedlinburg. Between 24 and 27 September, these elements had arrived in the Wudicke-Jerichow-Genthin area, east of the Elbe, on more than 20 trains. Major elements of the 3rd Shock Army had presumably crossed the Elbe in connection with large-scale exercises between 27 and 30 September. It has not yet been established whether major elements of the 10th Guards Tank Division participated in this exercise.

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